

Emergency Medical Technician:

Using a Noninvasive EtCO2 Monitoring Device

KBEMS E-39

Kentucky Required Mandatory Supplemental Curriculum: Application of EtCO2 Monitoring, use of EtCO2 Devices to Identify Correct Placement of an Endotracheal Tube or BIAD.

Upon completion of the course, the student shall be able to:	
1.	Describe and demonstrate the physiology of respiratory air exchange.
2.	Describe and differentiate the indications and uses for capnography.
3.	Describe and demonstrate the proper use of body substance isolation (BSI) procedures when using capnography
	devices.
4.	Describe the strengths and weaknesses of both colorimetric ETCO2, as well as continuous waveform capnography in
	specific randomly selected patient scenarios.
5.	Demonstrate efficiency in the use of both colorimetric ETCO2 devices, as well as continuous waveform capnography.
6.	Describe the different brands of colorimetric ETCO2 devices; reliability, shelf-life, and differentiate between side-
	stream and main-stream continuous waveform end-tidal CO2; advantages and disadvantages of each.
7.	Describe and demonstrate recognition of the esophageal intubation, and the steps necessary to immediately remedy
	the situation.
8.	Describe and demonstrate troubleshooting skills when ETCO2 is not recognized when using an endotracheal tube or
	supraglottic airway device.
9.	Describe the necessity to perform colorimetric and continuous waveform ETCO2 on every patient requiring an artificial
	airway.
10.	Describe and document appropriate utilization of ETCO2, and continued patient assessment while in the care of the
	EMT.

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